

FINANCIAL AID CHANGES 2012

(ATB) HS Diploma or Equivalency: *(Provisions affecting Title IV Programs)*

- Students must have a high school diploma, or equivalency effective July 1, 2012.
 - Students can no longer take the ATB exam to be eligible for Financial Aid
 - Students will no longer be eligible if they complete 6 units successfully instead taking an ATB exam
- ***The FAO's have contacted the Department of Education for clarification of the following questions:***
 - Will current community college students who were eligible for FA under the current regulation be eligible for financial aid if they transfer to a 4-year university w/out an associate degree after July 1, 2012?
 - Will current community college students who were eligible for FA under the current regulation be eligible for financial aid if they transfer to a 4-year university if they were awarded an associate degree, then transfer after July 1, 2012?

Note: *Once the above questions are answered and confirmed, an email blast will be prepared by the FAO's and sent to all students informing them of these new regulation changes for 2012.*

PELL Award Eligibility:

- The number of years a student can receive Financial Aid has changed from 9 years to 6 years.
 - This provision is not being grandfathered in for students currently under the 9-year regulation.

BOGW Need Amount:

- The amount of "need" for students to be eligible for a BOGW(C) has changed from \$1 to \$1104.
 - This change will require minimum programming of the need calculation in SAM, YU5 screen changes and testing by the FAO's.

Course Repetition:

- Students can only receive FA for up to 1 repeat of any course with a passing grade (this includes D's).
 - Students with courses approved by the college for more than 1 repeat of a course with a failing grade may be awarded aid for that course, but should check with their Financial Aid Office for additional information.

Direct Loan Interest Rates Increases

- For loans borrowed on or after July 1, 2012, the interest rate will now be 6.8 percent.

Elimination of Direct Loan Interest Subsidy during Grace Period

- The Government will no longer subsidize your student loan interest during your six month grace period. Check with your Servicer for any available options to assist you with loan repayment.

IRS Transcript Requirement

- If you choose not to use the IRS DATA Retrieval when completing your FAFSA online and you are required to submit your tax records to our school, you must now provide an IRS Tax Return Transcript. We can no longer accept copies of your tax returns (1040EZ, 1040A, 1040). Add IRS link and phone number

Cal Grant Program –Proposed Increase to GPA for Transfer Entitlement

- The Governor has proposed to increase the GPA requirements to 2.75 for Entitlement and Transfer Cal Grants. *Note: While a final determination will not be made for several months, students should be aware of the possible increase.*